



DECK LOG BOOK

OF THE

U.S.S. ABILITY

MSO 519

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Attached to { MIN DIV 85 Division,
MIN RON 8 Squadron,
U.S. SIXTH Fleet,
SIXTH Naval District,

Commencing -2B 0001 1 OCT, 1968 ,
(zone time and date)

at SEA,
(location)

and ending -1A 2400 31 OCT, 1968 ,
(zone time and date)

at PORTO SCUDA OP-AREA, ITALY,
(location)

Approved by: J. Lancaster Commanding

J. LANCASTER, LT, USN

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

EXAMINED

~~W. J. MASTERSON ENS. USAF~~

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE Tuesday 1 OCT 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

R.R. Stewart

R.R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

16-20 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 1710 RECEIVED MOTOR WHALE BOAT ALONG PORT QUARTER FROM USS RIVAL (MSO-468) IN ORDER TO TRANSFER ENGINEERING OBSERVERS. 1715 CAST OFF RIVAL'S MOTOR WHALE BOAT. COMMANDING OFFICER IS ACCOMPANYING OBSERVERS.

C.D. Hersche

C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

20-24 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 2042 JET SPECIAL SEA DETAIL 2107 SECURED SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 2135 MOTOR WHALE BOAT ALONG OUR STARBOARD QUARTER. 2136 COMMANDING OFFICER (AUG ABORD) 2145. MOTOR WHALE BOAT MOORED TO STERN THIS SHIP.

J. H. VANDS, (TCIS), USNR

EXAMINED:

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -2B DATE WEDNESDAY 2 OCT 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM KITHIRA ISLAND TO

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 ANCHORED IN THE KITHIRA ISLAND ANCHORAGE AREA IN 43 FATHOMS OF WATER MUD BOTTOM WITH 100 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHOR BEARINGS AND RANGES: AUGO ISLAND 055° 8.9 MILES; AND KITHIRA 21.65 MILES. PORT ISLAND 19.2 MILES. SHIP IN CONDITION OF WATCH FOUR MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT ON 10 MINUTES NOTICE BEFORE GETTING UNDERWAY. SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE USS- RIVAL (MSO-46P) AND VARIOUS SHIPS OF THE RUSSIAN NAVY. SOPR IS COMINEDIV AS.

B.R. Moffett
BR MOFFETT, LT(JG), U.S.N.

04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

W. J. Mastererson
W. J. MASTERERSON

08-12 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 0830 CAST OFF RUSS MOTOR WHALER BOAT FROM STERN THIS SHIP.

R.R. Stewart
R.R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

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W. J. Mastererson, U.S.N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO 519)

DATE Wednesday 2 Oct 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

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12-16 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

C. D. Herscher

C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

16-20 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

BR. Moffett
BR. MOFFETT, LT(JG), U.S.N.

20-24 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 2135 SET SPECIAL SEA DETAIL.
2145 COMMENCED HEAVING IN ON ANCHOR. 2201 UNDERWAY IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 67 OPERATION ORDER. 2204 RECORDED
SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. BASE COURSE 130°, SPEED 10 KTS. 2223
C/C 125°

V. H. VANDS
V. H. VANDS, TK9, USNR

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -2B DATE THURSDAY 3 OCT. 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM KITHIRA ISLAND TO SUDA BAY, CRETE

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>35°29.1N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>24°13.6E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
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3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING IN COLUMN FORMATION WITH U.S.S. ABILITY (MSO-519) AS GUIDE IN STATION ONE, U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-468) IN STATION TWO ENROUTE TO Soudha Bay, CRETE FROM KITHIRA ISLAND ANCHORAGE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 67 OP-ORDER 104-68. SHIP IS IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SEC. OTC IS CTU 67.7.1 EMBARKED THIS VESSEL. BASE COURSE 125°T. BASE SPEED 10 KNOTS. 0615 SECURED PORT SHAFT. LUBE OIL LEAK IN PORT REDUCTION GEAR. C/S 8 KNOTS. ØØ26 C/Ø90°. 0055. PORT ENGINE LIT OFF. C/Ø 10 KNOTS.

W. J. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0432 C/Ø 125°T. 0612 C/Ø 208°T. 0615 C/S 7 KNOTS. 0700 C/Ø 252°T. 0707 C/S 6 KNOTS. 0715 STATIONED SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. MR. MOFFETT AT THE CONN, CAPTAIN, AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. 0720 COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS CONFORMING TO Soudha Bay HARBOR. 0757 STOPPED ALL ENGINES. MOORED PORT SIDE TO Soudha Bay FUELING DEPOT, Soudha Bay, CRETE, WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. SHIPS PRESENT: USS RIVAL (MSO-468).

R.P. Stewart
R.P. STEWART, ENS, USNR

08-12 MOORED AS BEFORE. 0810 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 0850 COMMENCED FUELING FROM THE PIER SUDA BAY, CRETE. 0940 RECEIVED A WATER CARGO SHIP ALONGSIDE TO STARBOARD. 1000 COMMENCED RECEIVING FRESH WATER FROM WATER CARGO SHIP. 1010 FUELING COMPLETED RECEIVED 3130 GALLONS OF DIESEL OIL. 1105 COMPLETED TAKING ON FRESH WATER FROM CARGO SHIP, RECEIVED 2200 GALLONS OF FRESH WATER. 1115 WATER CARGO SHIP UNDERWAY FROM ALONGSIDE OUR STARBOARD.

BR. Moffett
BR. MOFFETT, LT(JG), U.S.N.

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W. J. Masterson
U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS Abilene (USSO-519)

DATE THURSDAY 3 OCT. 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 MOORED AS BEFORE

V. H. VANDS
V. H. VANDS, HC(S), USNR

16-20 MOORED AS BEFORE. 1926 GET SPECIAL SGA DETAIL.
1934 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTP 67 OPERATION
ORDER. 1945 TURNING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS
WHILE STANDING OUT SOUNDHA BAY, CRBT. C/S 10kts. 1958
C/C 120° 1959 SECURED SPECIAL SGA DETAIL.

V. H. VANDS
V. H. VANDS, HC(S), USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2015 C/C 018° T.
2020 C/C 035° T. 2033 C/C 310° T. 2140 C/C 270° T.

W. J. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS-USNR

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-59) ZONE DESCRIPTION -2B DATE FRIDAY 4 OCT 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM SOUNDA BAY, CRETE TO KITHIRA ISLAND

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>36°03.6'N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>22°55.0'E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
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REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY AS A PART OF TASK UNIT 67.7.1
ENROUTE TO KITHIRA ISLAND ANCHORAGE FROM SOUNDA BAY,
CRETE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTG 67 OP-ORDER 104-68.
TASK UNIT 67.7.1 COMPRISED OF THIS SHIP AND USS RIVAL (MSO-48)
STEAMING 12 MILES ASTERN. BASE COURSE IS 270°T, BASE
SPEED IS 13 KNOTS. SHIP IS IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR WITH
MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. OTC IS CTU 67.7.1, EMBARKED
THIS VESSEL. 0036 C/L 310°T. 0134 C/L 311°T. 0228 C/L 6
KNOTS. 0219 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS TO ANCHOR IN THE KITHIRA
ISLAND ANCHORAGE, MANEUVERING TO ANCHOR. 0220 COMPLETED ALL
PREPARATIONS FOR ANCHORING. 0240 LET GO THE STARBOARD
ANCHOR. 0245 ANCHORED IN KITHIRA ISLAND ANCHORAGE IN 43
FATHOMS OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM WITH 100 FATHOMS OF
CHAIN TO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS
AND RANGES: ANGO ISLAND 057°T, 8.95 MILES; PORI ISLAND
19.65 MILES; AND AUDI KITHIRA ISLAND 21.8 MILES.

R.R. Stewart

R.R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 0740 LAUNCHED MOTOR WHALE BOAT
0750 CAST OFF MOTOR WHALE BOAT. 0756 STATIONED
THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL.

C.D. Herscher

C.D. HIRSCHER, LTJG USN

08-12 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 0800 COMPLETED ALL PREPARA-
TIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0810 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE
WITH CTG 67 OP-ORDER 104-68. 0812 MANEUVERING TO
CLEAR THE ANCHORAGE. CAPTAIN, NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. 0822
RECEIVED USS ABILITY (MSO-59) MOTOR WHALE BOAT ALONGSIDE
THE PORT QUARTER TO DEBARK OBSERVERS FOR ENGINEERING
CASUALTY CONTROL DRILLS. 0824 MOTOR WHALE BOAT UNDER-
WAY FROM ALONGSIDE THE PORT QUARTER. 0826 MOTOR
WHALE BOAT ALONGSIDE TO PORT AMIDSHIPS FOR RECOVERY.
0831 MOTOR WHALE BOAT ABOARD AND RESTING IN THE
CRADLE. SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. SOUNDED
CONDITION I-MIKE. 0840 COMMENCED STREAM THE
MAGNETIC GENERATOR PULSING CABLE. 0917 CABLE STOPPED
OFF ON DECK. 0920 COMMENCED RECOVERY OF THE CABLE.
(OVER)

EXAMINED

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W. E. RIVERO, JR., LT, USN

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE FRIDAY 4 OCT, 19 68
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REMARKS—CONTINUED

08-12 (CONT.) 1003 PULSING CABLE ABOARD. 1007 SECURE FROM CONDITION I-MIKE. 1023 COMMENCED COMPETITIVE EXERCISES IN ENGINEERING CASUALTY CONTROL. 1127 SECURED FROM ENGINEERING CASUALTY CONTROL EXERCISES.

B.R. Moffett
B.R. MOFFETT, LT(JG), U.S.N.

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1336 SECURED FROM GANGBRIK DRILLS. 1410 MAKING PREPARATIONS TO PUT MOTOR WHALE BOAT IN THE WATER. 1414 MOTOR WHALE BOAT IN THE WATER. 1423 MOTOR WHALE BOAT IN THE CRADLE. 1429 SET CONDITION I MIKE. 1432 COMMENCED 2-6-S TOWING EXERCISES FOR COMPETITIVE GRADE. 1503 600 FT OF TOW WIRE OUT. COMMENCED TOWING U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-468). 1535 BREAKING TOW WITH U.S.S. RIVAL. 1555 ALL GEAR ON DECK, TOWING EXERCISE COMPLETED. 1556 SECURED FROM CONDITION I-MIKE.

V. J. Vands
V. J. VANDS, LTJG, USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1632 4 1/2 KNOTS. 1636 4 1/2 KNOTS. 1649 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO APPROACH ANCHORAGE OFF KITHIRA ISLAND. 1722 0 KNOTS. LET GO THE ANCHOR. ANCHORED AT KITHIRA ISLAND ANCHORAGE IN 43 FATHOMS OF WATER. ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS AND RANGES: ALGO ISLAND - 9 MILES. PORI ISLAND - 12.1 AND KITHIRA - 22.3 SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET.

W. J. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS, USNR.

20-24 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 2115 PREVED USS RIVAL (MSO-468) HWS ALONG SARGED QUARTER. 2135 CAST OFF USS RIVAL HWS.

R.R. Stewart
R.R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -2B DATE SATURDAY 5 OCT 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM KITHIRA ISLAND TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>36°03.8'N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>22°39.2'E</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 ANCHORED OFF KITHIRA ISLAND IN 45 FATHOMS OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM WITH 100 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE PORT ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHOR RANGES: AUGO ISLAND 8.9 MILES, ANIKITHRA ISLAND 22.2 MILES AND PORI ISLAND 19.9 MILES. SHIP IS IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKK SET. ENGINEERING PLANT IS ON 10 MINUTE NOTICE FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE USS RIVAL (MSO-468) AND VARIOUS UNITS OF THE USSR FLEET. SOPA IS COMINEDIV 85 EMBARKED THIS VESSEL.

C.D. Herscher

C.D. ITERSCHER, LTJG USN

04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

BR Moffett
BR MOFFETT, LT(JG), USN.

8-12 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

V. H. VANDS
V. H. VANDS, LT(JG), USN

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

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USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE SATURDAY 5 OCT. 19 68
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REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

W.S. Mastererson
W.S. MASTERERSON, ENS USNR

16-20 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 1615 SET SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 1625 COMMENCED HEAVING IN ON ANCHOR. 1633 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 67 OPERATIONS ORDER. 1641 BASE COURSE 060°T, SPEED 6.5 KNOTS. 1644 SECURED SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 1717 c/c 065°T. 1722 c/c 070°T. 1731 c/s 10 KNOTS. 1755 c/c 250°T. 1801 c/c 247°T. 1857 c/c 287°T.

R.R. Stewart
R.R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2000 COMMENCED BATHY THERMOGRAPH OBSERVATION. 2010 COMPLETED OBSERVATION. 2210 c/c 286°.

C.D. Herscher
C.D. HERSCHER

EXAMINED:

W.F. Elwood Jr.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

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0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -2B DATE SUNDAY 6 OCT. 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM KITHIRA TO TOULON, FRANCE

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>36°36.5N</u> BY <u>1</u>		
λ <u>20°16.5E</u> BY <u>1</u>		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>36°47.0N</u> BY <u>1</u>		
λ <u>19°40.3E</u> BY <u>1</u>		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>37°05.8N</u> BY <u>1</u>		
λ <u>18°32.0E</u> BY <u>1</u>		

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
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4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEERING INDEPENDENTLY ENROUTE FROM THE
KITHIRA ANCHORAGE AREA TO TOULON, FRANCE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH C.T.G. 67 OF ORDER 104-68. BASE
COURSE 286°, BASE SPEED 10 KNOTS. SOPR IS COMINE
DIV A5 EMBARKED THIS SHIP. CONDITION OF READINESS
FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. 0200 COMMENCED
BATHY THERMOGRAPH OBSERVATION. 0204 COMPLETED
BATHY THERMOGRAPH OBSERVATION.

B.R. Moffett
B.R. MOFFETT, LT(JG), USN

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

V. J. Sands
V. J. SANDS, LT(IG), USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0802 COMMENCED
BT DROP @ 6 KNOTS. 0812 SECURED BT DROP @ 10
KNOTS.

W. J. Mastererson
W. J. MASTERERSON ENS. USN

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W. J. MASTERERSON, JR., LT, USN

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE Sunday 6 Oct, 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1250 C/S 8 KNOTS. 1350 C/S 6 KNOTS.
1353 COMMENCED BT DROP. 1401 SECURED BT DROP. C/S 8 KNOTS.
1516 C/C 300° T. 1518 C/C 295° T. 1519 C/C 290° T. 1521 C/C 287° T.

R.R. Stewart

R.R. STEWART, EDS, USNR

16-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1715 SHIFTED GUINE TO
USS RIVAL (MSO-468). COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS
COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO REMAIN
ON STATION. 1741 COMMENCED STATIONING DRILLS.
MANUEVERING ON VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS
WHILE TAKING STATION AFTERN THE GUINE AND
AHEAD THE GUINE. 1837 COMPLETED STATIONING
DRILLS THE GUINE BEARS 147, RANGE 500 YARDS. STEERING
VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN
STATION

C.D. Herscher

C.D. HERSCHER

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES
AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN ON STATION.

BR Moffett
BR. MOFFETT, LT(jg), U.S.N.

EXAMINED:

W. J. Arnold, Jr.
W. J. ARNOLD, JR., LT, USN

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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0105-904-1020

USS Ability (MISO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE Monday 7 Oct. 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM KITHIRA ISLAND TO TOULON, FRANCE

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>37°35.8'N</u>	BY <u>2</u>	
λ <u>16°18.1'E</u>	BY <u>2</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>37°48.0'N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>15°47.8'E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>38°53.5'N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>15°16.8'E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
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REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING IN A COLUMN FORMATION GROUPS FROM
~~KITHIRA~~ KITHIRA ANCHORAGE AREA TO TOULON FRANCE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CTG 67 OP ORDER 104-68. U.S.S. Ability
(MISO-519) IN STATION ONE AND U.S.S. RIVAL (MISO-468) IN
STATION TWO AS THE GUIDE. GUIDE BEARS WHEN ON STATION
107° 500 YDS. BASE COURSE 287°, BASE SPEED 8 KTS.
SOPA IS COMING TO BE UNBARKED THIS SHIP. 0100 COMMENCED
BATHY THERMOGRAPH DROP. 0109 COMPLETED BATHY THERMOGRAPH
DROP.

W. J. Anderson
W. J. ANDERSON, ENS, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0616 C/S 291° T. U.S.S. ABILITY
(MISO-519) BECOMES GUIDE. 0658 C/S 6 KNOTS. COMMENCED
BT DROP. 0710 C/S 8 KNOTS. COMPLETED BT DROP.

W. J. Anderson
W. J. ANDERSON, ENS, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0842 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY ON
VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE TAKING STATION ON
USS RIVAL (MISO-468). 0922 C/S 8 KNOTS. 0923 SOUNDED 1
MIKE. 0933 COMMENCED TOWING EXERCISES WITH USS RIVAL.
1037 SECURED FROM TOWING EXERCISES. BASE COURSE 291° T. SPEED
5 KNOTS. 1043 SECURED FROM 1 MIKE. 1059 C/S 9 KNOTS.

P. R. Stewart
P. R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

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W. J. Anderson
W. J. ANDERSON, JR., LT, USN

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MS0519)

DATE Monday 7 October 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1235 C/C 335°. 1240
DETACHED FROM FORMATION IN ORDER TO TRANSIT
THE ^{STRAITS} STRAITS OF MESSINA INDEPENDANTLY. 1318
COMMENCED TRANSITING STRAITS OF MESSINA. CAPTAIN AND
NAVIGATOR ARE ON THE BRIDGE. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES
AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE TRANSITING THE STRAITS. 1515
EXITED STRAITS OF MESSINA. C/C 334, S 9.5 KTS.

C.D. Herschen
C.D. HERSCHEN LTK

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1900 COMMENCED BATHYTHERMO-
GRAPH OBSERVATION. 1900 COMPLETED BATHYTHERMOGRAPH
OBSERVATION. 1909 MANEUVERING TO TAKE STATION TWO IN
A FORMATION ONE COURSE 335° SPEED 9.0 KNOTS. GUIDE IS
U.S.S. RIVAL (MSB-460) IN STATION ONE. WHEN ON STATION
GUIDE SHOULD BEAR 335° DISTANCE 500 YARDS. 1945
CHANGED BASE COURSE TO 249°. 1952 STEERING VARIOUS
COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REMAIN ON STATION.

BR. Moffett
BR. MOFFETT, LT(jg), USN

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

V. H. Sands
V. H. SANDS, LT(jg), USNR

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE TUESDAY 8 OCT. 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM KITHIRA ISLAND TO TOULON, FRANCE

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800 L 39°44.2'N BY 1 λ 13°12.8'E BY 1		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200 L 40°02.3'N BY 1 λ 12°31.2'E BY 1		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000 L 40°36.6'N BY 1 λ 11°12.0'E BY 1		

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL 2-ELECTRONIC 3-VISUAL 4-D. R.
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REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING IN COLUMN FORMATION ENROUTE FROM KITHIRA ISLAND ANCHORAGE TO TOULON FRANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTC 67 OP ORDER 104-68. U.S.S. ABILITY (MSO-519) IN STATION TWO AND U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-468) IN STATION ONE AS GUIDE. GUIDE BEARS 299°T, 500 YARDS WHEN ON STATION. BASE COURSE 299° BASE SPEED 9.5 KNOTS. SOPA IS COMINEDIV 85 EMBARKED THIS SHIP. 0100 COMMENCED BATHY THERMOGRAPH DROP C/S 6 KNOTS. 0117 COMPLETED BT DROP. COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO REGAIN STATION. 0130 REGAINED STATION TWO, BASE COURSE 299°T BASE SPEED 9.5 KNOTS.

W. J. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON ENS, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0700 C/S 6 KNOTS. COMMENCED BATHY THERMOGRAPH DROP. 0707 COMPLETED BATHY THERMOGRAPH DROP. 0710 C/S 9 KNOTS.

RR. Stewart
RR. STEWART, ENS, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN STATION. 0945 STATIONED THE REPLENISHMENT DETAIL IN ORDER TO CONDUCT LIGHT LINE TRANSFER WITH USS RIVAL (MSO-468). 0952 C/S 299°, C/S 13 KTS COMMENCING APPROACH. COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE CONDUCTING LIGHT LINE TRANSFER. 0957 LINE OVER. 1028 LIGHT LINE CLEAR OF THE SHIP. 1029 SECURED THE REPLENISHMENT DETAIL. C/S 299°, C/S 9 KTS. SHIFTED THE GUIDE TO THIS SHIP IN STATION ONE. RIVAL 500 YARDS ASTERN IN STATION TWO OF A COLUMN FORMATION.

C. D. Herscher
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

EXAMINED

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W. F. WOOD, JR., LTJG, USN

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE TUESDAY 4 OCT 19 64
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1259 COMMENCED BATHY-
THERMOGRAPH OBSERVATION. 1309 COMPLETED BATHYTHERMO-
GRAPH OBSERVATION.

B.R. ~~Wofford~~
B.R. MONTFETT, LT(JG), U.S.N.

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1858 COMMENCED BATHYTHERMOGRAPH
DROP. 1907 RECOVERED FROM BATHYTHERMOGRAPH DROP. 1932 C/S SKTS

J.H. ~~Vand~~
J.H. VANDS, LT(JG), USNR

20-24. UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

W.J. ~~Master~~
W.J. MASTERSON, ENS. USNR

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DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE WEDNESDAY 9 OCT 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM KITHIRA ISLAND TO Toulon, FRANCE

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800 L <u>41° 22.3' N</u> BY <u>3</u>		
λ <u>09° 30.3' E</u> BY <u>3</u>		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200 L <u>41° 27.1' N</u> BY <u>3</u>		
λ <u>08° 46.2' E</u> BY <u>3</u>		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000 L <u>42° 12.1' N</u> BY <u>1</u>		
λ <u>07° 34.8' E</u> BY <u>1</u>		

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING IN COLUMN FORMATION ENROUTE FROM KITHIRA ISLAND ANCHORAGE TO Toulon, FRANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RTG 67 OP. ORDER 104-68. USS ABILITY (MSO-519) IN STATION ONE AS GUIDE AND USS RIVAL (MSO-468) IN STATION TWO. BASE COURSE IS 299° T. BASE SPEED 8 KNOTS. SOPA IS COMINEDIV 85 EMBARKED THIS SHIP. 0100 S/S 6 KNOTS. COMMENCED BATHY THERMOGRAPH DROP. 0105 S/S 8 KNOTS. 0110 COMPLETED BATHY THERMOGRAPH DROP.

R.R. Stewart
R.R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 4559 C/L 280°, S/S 9.5 KTS. 4647 COMMENCED BATHY THERMOGRAPH OBSERVATIONS. 4656 COMPLETED OBSERVATIONS.

C.D. Herscher
C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

09-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0930 SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS (DRILL) 0912 SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS. 0917 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES WHILE PASSING THROUGH THE STRAITS OF BONIFICO BETWEEN SARDINIA BRITAIN AND CORSICA CORSCIA.

B.R. Moffett
B.R. MOFFETT, LT(JG), U.S.N.

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USS

Ability (MSO 519)

DATE

Wednesday 7 Oct. 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

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✓ 14. ✓ ANDOS, (+15), USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 1929 C/P 303 C/S 9 KNOTS.

W. J. Masterson
U.S. MASTERSON ENS. USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

R. R. Stewart
R.R. STEWART, ENS. USNR

EXAMINED:

W. J. Masterson

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE THURSDAY 10 OCT. 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM SUDR BAY, CRETE TO TOULON, FRANCE.

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>43° 06.8N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>05° 55.5E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING IN A COLUMN FORMATION IN COMPANY WITH USS RIVAL (MSO-468) ENROUTE TO TOULON FRANCE FROM KITHRA ISLAND ANCHORAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTG-67 OP-ORDER 104-68. THIS SHIP IS THE GUIDE IN STATION ONE, RIVAL IS IN STATION TWO 500 YARDS ASTERN IN STATION TWO. BASE COURSE IS 303°, BASE SPEED 7 KTS. OTC IS COMING IN 85 EMBARKED THIS SHIP. SHIP IS IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET.

C. D. Herscher

C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

04-04 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0426 CHANGED BASE SPEED TO 4 KNOTS. 0428 CHANGED BASE COURSE TO 307°T. 0609 COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE MAKING THE APPROACH TO THE HARBOR ENTRANCE AT TOULON, FRANCE. 0710 SOUNDED SEA DETAIL. 0725 MANEUVERING TO TAKE STATION ONE AS GUIDE IN A COLUMN FORMATION BASE COURSE 000°T, BASE SPEED 4 KNOTS. U.S.S. NOTABLE IN STATION TWO 500 YARDS ASTERN, U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-468) IN STATION THREE 1000 YARDS ASTERN, U.S.S. SALUTE (MSO-478) IN STATION FOUR 1500 YARDS ASTERN. 0740 RECEIVED PILOT BOAT ALONGSIDE THE STARBOARD QUARTER. 0745 PILOT CHIEF PETTY OFFICER HABANS CAME ABOARD. 0752 MANEUVERING TO GO ALONGSIDE THE PIER AT TOULON, FRANCE.

B.R. Mottett

B.R. MOTTETT, LT(JG), USN.

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0805 MOORED PORT SIDE TO QUAY DE HONNEUR, TOULON, FRANCE WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. 0820 SECURED SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 0837 U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-468) MOORED OUTBOARD TO STARBOARD THIS SHIP.

J. H. VANDS, (H/S), USN

EXAMINED

W. F. ELWOOD, JR.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE THURSDAY 10 OCT 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-24 MOORED AS BEFORE. 1230 SOUNDED QUARTERS.
1245 SECURED FROM QUARTERS. 1400 COMMENCED RECEIVING
FUEL FROM A BRIGGE MOORED OUTBOARD TO STARBOARD
THE U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460) 1454 COMPLETED FUELING,
RECEIVED 9542 GALLONS OF RMS OIL. 1830 SOPA CHANGED
TO COMMANDING OFFICER, U.S.S. SYLVANIA

B.R. Moffett
BR. MOFFETT, LT(JG), USN.

EXAMINED:

W. F. Elwood, Jr. LT

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

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USS REBILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE FRIDAY 11 OCT. 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM TOULON, FRANCE TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-08 MOORED IN A NEST OF TWO SHIPS PORT SIDE TO
QUAY DE HONOUR PIER, TOULON, FRANCE WITH STANDARD
MOORING LINES DOUBLED. USS. NOTABLE (MSO-460)
MOORED OUTBOARD TO STARBOARD THIS SHIP. OTHER SHIPS
PRESENT INCLUDE UNITS OF THE U.S. SIXTH FLEET,
FRENCH NAVAL UNITS AND VARIOUS CIVILIAN CRAFT. RECEIVING
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES FROM THE PIER. SOPA IS
COMMANDING OFFICER, USS. SYLVANIA. 0645 MUSTERED
THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

BR. Moffett
BR. MOFFETT, LT(JG), U.S.N.

EXAMINED

W. J. Elwood, Jr.
W. J. ELWOOD, JR., LT, USN

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

08-24. MOORED AS BEFORE. 0925 SET SEA DETAIL.
0953 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.T.C. 67 OPERATING
SCHEDULE. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS
SPEEDS WHILE RUNNING DEGAUSSING RANGE IN
TOULON, FRANCE HARBOR. 1020 COMPLETED RUNNING
DEGAUSSING RANGE. 1023 MANEUVERING TO GO ALONGSIDE
THE STARBOARD SIDE OF U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460)
1035 MOORED PORT SIDE TO U.S.S. NOTABLE. 1051 SECURED
SEA DETAIL.

W. J. Masteron
W. J. MASTERON, ENS. USN

EXAMINED:

W. J. Masteron

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SATURDAY 12 OCT 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM TOULON, FRANCE TO

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-08 MOORED IN A NEST OF TWO SHIPS PORT
SIDE TO USS. NOTABLE (MSO-460) AT QUAY DE HONOUR
PIER, TOULON, FRANCE. WITH STANDARD MOORING
LINES DOUBLED. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE
VARIOUS UNITS OF THE U.S. SIXTH FLEET, FRENCH
NAVAL UNITS AND VARIOUS CIVILIAN CRAFT. RECEIVING
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES FROM THE PIER. SOPA
IS COMMANDING OFFICER U.S.S. SYLVANIA.

W. J. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS-USN

EXAMINED

W. F. Egan
W. F. EAGAN, JR., LTJG, USN

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS

ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE SATURDAY 12 OCT 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

08-24 MOORED AS BEFORE.

R.R. Stewart

R.R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

EXAMINED:

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SUNDAY 13 OCT 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM TOULON, FRANCE TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-08 MOORED IN A NEST OF TWO SHIPS PORT SIDE TO
USS NOTABLE (MSO-460) AT QUAY DE HONOUR PIER, TOLON,
FRANCE WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. OTHER
SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE U.S. SIXTH
FLEET, FRENCH NAVAL UNITS AND VARIOUS CIVILIAN CRAFT.
RECEIVING MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES FROM THE PIER. SOPA
IS COMMANDING OFFICER USS SYLVANIA. 0745 MUSTERED
THE CREW ON STATION. ABSENTEES: NONE.

RR Stewart
RR STEWART, ENS, USNR

EXAMINED

W. E. Stewart
W. E. STEWART, JR. JR. 1531

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO 579)

DATE SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

08-24 MOORED AS BEFORE.

C.D. Herscher

C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

EXAMINED:

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (M50-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE Monday 14 October 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM TOULON, FRANCE TO

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

ΦΦ-Φ4 MOORED IN A NEST OF TWO SHIPS PORT SIDE TO
USS NOTABLE (M50-460) AT QUAY DE HONOUR PIER AT
THE FRENCH NAVAL BASE, TOULON FRANCE WITH STANDARD
MOORING LINES DOUBLED. RECEIVING MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES
FROM THE PIER. SHIP IS IN CONDITION WATCH FIVE
WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. OTHER SHIPS
PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE U.S. SIXTH FLEET
AND FRENCH NAVAL VESSELS. SCOA IS COMMANDING
OFFICER USS SYLVANIA (AFS-2).

C. D. Herscher

C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

Φ4-Φ8 MOORED AS BEFORE. Φ730 MUSTERED THE
CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE. Φ745 STATIONED
THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. DRAFT FORWARD 10'5", AFT 10'6".
COMMENCE GETTING UNDERWAY WITH THE DUTY SECTION,
PORT SECTION ON DECK Φ754 ALL LINES SINGLED. CAPTAIN
AND NAVIGATOR ARE ON THE BRIDGE. Φ800 UNDERWAY
IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTG 61 QUARTERLY OP-SCHEDULE.

C. D. Herscher

C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

EXAMINED

W. T. KIMOOD, JR., LTJG USN

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSC-519)

DATE MONDAY 14 OCT. 1964
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

BRM. 08-12# UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTG. 67 OPERATING SCHEDULE. 0803 MANEUVERING TO CLEAR THE BERTHING AREA. CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. 0811 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS STANDING IN TOULON, FRANCE HARBOR. 0819 MANEUVERING TO GO ALONGSIDE THE PORTSIDE OF U.S.S. ACTURUS (AFS-52) 0823 MOORED STARBOARD SIDE AMIDSHIPS TO U.S.S. ACTURUS. 0834 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 0920 SOUNDED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL. COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0919 COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0927 UNDERWAY FROM ALONGSIDE THE U.S.S. ACTURUS. 0930 MANEUVERING TO CLEAR THE BERTHING AREA. CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. 0935 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS STANDING OUT TOULON, FRANCE HARBOR. 0944 MANEUVERING TO GO ALONGSIDE THE STARBOARD SIDE OF U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSC-460) 0944 MOORED PORT SIDE TO U.S.S. NOTABLE AT QUAY DE HONOUR PIER TOULON, FRANCE WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. 0955 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL.

B.R. Mohr
B.R. MOHRETT, LT(JG), U.S.N.

12-24 MOORED AS BEFORE

B.R. Mohr
B.R. MOHRETT, LT(JG), U.S.N.

EXAMINED:

W. E. ...
W. E. ... JR. LT. USA

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE TUESDAY 15 OCT. 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM TOULON, FRANCE TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-00 MOORED IN A NEST OF TWO SHIPS PORTSIDE TO
USS. NOTABLE (MSO-460) AT QUAY DE HONOUR PIER
TOULON, FRANCE WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED.
OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE UNITS OF THE U.S.
SIXTH FLEET, FRENCH NAVAL UNITS AND VARIOUS
CIVILIAN CRAFT, RECEIVING MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES
FROM THE PIER. SOPA IS COMMANDING OFFICER U.S.S.
SYLVANIA. 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS,
ABSENTEES: NONE.

BR. Moffett
BR. MOFFETT, LT(JG), U.S.N.

EXAMINED

W. F. E. Jr.
W. F. E. JR., LT, USN

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS

Ability (USO-519)

DATE

TUESDAY 15 OCT 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

08-24 MOORED AS BEFORE.

J. H. VANDS
J. H. VANDS, HC(S), USNR

EXAMINED:

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-39) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE Wednesday 16 Oct. 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM TOULON, FRANCE TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800 L 43°04.9N BY 3 λ 05°39.6E BY 3		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200 L 43°04.8N BY 3 λ 05°38.0E BY 3		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000 L _____ BY _____ λ _____ BY _____		

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 MOORED IN A NEBT OF TWO SHIPS PORTSIDE TO U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460) AT QUAY DE HONOUR PIER, TOULON, FRANCE WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE UNITS OF THE U.S. SIXTH FLEET, FRENCH NAVAL UNITS AND VARIOUS MERCHANT VESSELS. RECEIVING MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES FROM THE PIER. SOFA IS COMING DU 85. 0330 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE. 0345 SET SPECIAL SOFA DETAIL

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J. H. VANDS, LTJG, USN

04-08 MOORED AS BEFORE. 0400 COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0431 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MED SWEEP EX 64 OPERATIONS ORDER, MANEUVERING TO CLEAR THE BERTHING AREA, NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. 0440 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS STANDING OUT THE HARBOR AT TOULON, FRANCE. 0530 SECURED THE SPECIAL SEA BRM. AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 07-053 0553 ASSUMED STATION ONE AS GUIDE IN A FORMATION ONE BASE COURSE 275°T, SPEED 11 KNOTS, U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-460) IN STATION TWO 500 YARDS ASTERN, U.S.S. SPLUTE (MSO-470) IN STATION THREE 1000 YARDS ASTERN, U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460) IN STATION FOUR 1500 YARDS ASTERN. 0624 FORMATION CHANGED TO FORMATION PORT. NEW COURSE 200, SPEED 8 KNOTS. 0706 SOUNDED CONDITION I-MIKE. 0715 ALL STATIONS REPORT MANNED AND READY. 0731 COMMENCED STREAMING MOORED MINESWEEPING GEAR TO STARBOARD. 0747 PAYING OUT ON THE STARBOARD SWEEP WIRE. 0750 ENTERING THE MINEFIELD.

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B.R. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE TRANSITING THE MINEFIELD. 0833 SECURED THE SPECIAL MINESWEEPING DETAIL. STATIONED THE REGULAR MINESWEEP WATCH.

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C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG, USN

EXAMINED

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W. E. WOOD, JR., LT, USN

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS Ability (USO-59)

DATE WEDNESDAY 16 OCT 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1326 SBT CONDITION I-MIKE. 1335 COMMENCED HEAVING AROUND ON STARBOARD SWEEP GEAR. 1409 ALL GEAR CLEAR OF THE WATER. 1430 SECURED FROM CONDITION I-MIKE. 1432 C/C 092° C/S 8 Kts. 1538 SBT CONDITION I-HOTEL. MAKING PREPARATION TO ENTER MINE FIELD AND COMMENCE MINE HUNTING. 1542 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE TRAVERSING MINE FIELD

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J.H. VANDS, LT(14), USN

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1602 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES WHILE TRAVERSING THE MINE FIELD AT SPEED 5 KNOTS. MINE FIELD AXIS IS 110°T AND 290°T. 1816 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS TO ANCHOR AT BAY OF SANURRY, FRANCE. SOUNDED THE SPECIAL SER AND ANCHOR DETAIL. 1821 COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS TO ANCHOR. 1830 ANCHORED IN BAY OF SANURRY, FRANCE IN 16 FATHOMS OF WATER, SAND BOTTOM WITH 58 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE PORT ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS: ROUVERU LIGHT, 184.5°T, COUDOURIERE LIGHT, 089°T, SANURRY LIGHT, 056.5°T. 1836 SECURED THE SPECIAL SER AND ANCHOR DETAIL.

[Signature]
BR. MOFFETT, LT(JG), USN

20-24 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

C.D. HERSCHE
C.D. HERSCHE, LTJG USN

EXAMINED:

[Signature]
W. D. ELWOOD, JR., LT, USN

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (M80-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE THURSDAY 17 OCT. 1968
 AT/PASSAGE FROM BAY OF SANARY TOULON, FRANCE TO

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800 L 43°05.8'N λ 05°43.6'E	BY 3	BY 3

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200 L 43°05.6'N λ 05°45.0'E	BY 3	BY 3

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000 L <u> </u> λ <u> </u>	BY <u> </u>	BY <u> </u>

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 ANCHORED IN BAY OF SANARY IN 16 FATHOMS OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 50 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE PORT ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHORAGE BEARINGS: ROUVAU LIGHT 186°T, COMPOURIENE LIGHT 098°T, SANARY LIGHT 055°T. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR, MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE U.S.S. NOTABLE (M50-460) AND VARIOUS FRENCH SMALL CRAFT. SOPA IS COMINEDIV 85 EMBARKED THIS VESSEL.

W. J. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON ENS. USNR

04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 0630 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0645 STATIONED THE ANCHOR DETAIL. 0655 COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0702 UNDERWAY FOR SEA. MANEUVERING TO CLEAR THE ANCHORAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MEDSWEEP 64 OPERATIONS SCHEDULE. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE TRANSITING MINERFIELD. 0709 SECURED THE ANCHOR DETAIL.

RR Stewart
RR STEWART. ENS, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE TRANSITING MINE FIELD. 1144 SECURED FROM MINE HUNTING OPERATIONS.

V. J. VANDS
V. J. VANDS, LTJG, USNR

EXAMINED

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE THURSDAY 17 October 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1306 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE REMAINING IN THE MINEFIELD. 1530 COMMENCED BATHY THERMOGRAPH OBSERVATION. 1534 COMPLETED BATHY THERMOGRAPH OBSERVATION.

BR. Moffett
BR. MOFFETT, LT(JG), U.S.N.

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE TRANSITING MINEFIELD FOR MINE HUNTING. 1710 COMPLETED MINE HUNTING. SECURED THE SPECIAL MINE-HUNTING DETAIL. STATIONED THE SPECIAL ANCHOR DETAIL. CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATION ARE ON THE BRIDGE. 1716 ANCHORED IN 16 FATHOMS OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM WITH 50 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE PORT ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHOR BEARINGS: ROUVEAU LIGHT 207°, CONDORIERE LIGHT 090°, SANARY LIGHT 038°. 1724 SECURED THE SPECIAL ANCHOR DETAIL.

C.D. Herscher

C.D. HERSCHER, LTTC USN

20-24 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 2133 SET SPECIAL ANCHOR DETAIL. 2145 COMMENCED HEAVING IN ON ANCHOR. 2148 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MEDSWEEPER 64 OPERATIONS ORDER. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE PLACING MARKING BUOYS IN BAY OF SANARY. 2343 SET SPECIAL ANCHOR DETAIL. 2351 ANCHOR LET GO. ANCHORED IN 16 FATHOMS OF WATER IN BAY OF SANARY ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS: ROUVEAU LIGHT -191°, CONDORIERE LIGHT 093°T, SANARY LIGHT 050°T. 2400 SECURED MAIN ENGINES. SECURED SPECIAL ANCHOR DETAIL. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE USS. NOTABLE AND VARIOUS FRENCH SMALL CRAFT. SOPA IS COMINEDIV 85 EMBARKED THIS VESSEL.

W.J. Masterson
W.J. MASTERSON, ENS. USNR

EXAMINED:

W.E. Wood, Jr.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE FRIDAY 18 OCT 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM BAY OF SANARY, FRANCE TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>42° 54.6' N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>05° 43.4' E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 ANCHOR IN BAY OF SANARY IN 16 FATHOMS OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 50 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE PORT ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHORAGE BEARINGS: ROUEAU LIGHT 190° T, COUDOURIERE LIGHT 090° T, 093° SANARY LIGHT 055° T-050° T. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR, MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE USS NOTABLE (MSO-460) AND VARIOUS FRENCH SMALL CRAFT. SOPA IS COMINEDIV 85 EMBARKED THIS VESSEL.

R.R. Stewart
R.R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

V. H. Sands
V. H. SANDS, LTJG, USNR

08-12 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 1030 COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS TO RECEIVE THE MOTOR WHALE BORT ALONGSIDE TO PORT TO BRING THE BORT BACK ABOARD. 1041 MOTOR WHALE BORT BACK ABOARD. 1047 SOUNDED THE SPECIAL ANCHOR DETAIL. COMMENCED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. SET MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE. 1050 COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 1053 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MEDSWEEP 64 OPERATIONS SCHEDULE. MANEUVERING TO CLEAR THE ANCHORAGE. OFFICER OF THE DECK HAS THE CONN. CAPTAIN, NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE. 1102 SECURED THE BRANCHOR DETAIL. BASE COURSE 100° T, SPEED 13 KNOTS.

BR. Moffett
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, U.S.N.

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE FRIDAY 18 OCT, 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1210 C/C 000°, C/S 12 KTS.
1258 C/C 015°. 1301 C/C 025°. 1306 C/C 030°, C/S 10.5 KTS.
1313 C/C 070°. 1315 STATIONED THE SPECIAL ANCHOR DETAIL.
COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS
WHILE PROCEEDING TO ANCHORAGE. CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR
CDR ARE ON THE BRIDGE. 1336 ANCHORED IN 16 FATHOMS
OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 50 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE
PORT ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHOR BEARINGS ROUVEAU
LIGHT 194°, COUDOURIERE LIGHT 107°, SANARY LIGHT 058°.
1342 SECURED THE SPECIAL ANCHOR DETAIL. 1400 LAUNCHED
THE MOTORWHALE BOAT IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE MINEHUNTING
CONTACTS.

C. P. Herscher

C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

16-20 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 1625 COMPLETED PREPARATIONS
TO BRING MOTORWHALEBOAT BACK ABOARD TO PORT. 1630
MOTOR WHALEBOAT BACK ABOARD. 1644 SOUNDED SPECIAL
ANCHOR DETAIL. 1649 COMMENCED HEAVING AROUND ON ANCHOR.
1651 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MEDSWEEPER 64
OPERATIONS ORDER. BASE SPEED 11 KNOTS BASE COURSE 290°.
1729 C/S 0 KNOTS. 1747 C/C 110° T. C/S 10 KNOTS. 1751 C/C
120° T. 1754 C/C 130° T. 1757 C/C 110° T. C/S 6.5 KNOTS.
1759 C/C 105° T. 1803 C/S 10 KNOTS. 1809 C/S 0 KNOTS.
1814 C/S 7.5 KNOTS. 1815 SET SPECIAL ANCHOR DETAIL.
STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO
ANCHOR AT SANARY BAY. 1831 ANCHORED IN 16 FATHOMS
OF WATER AT BAY OF SANARY ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS:
ROUVEAU LIGHT—190° T, COUDOURIERE LIGHT—093° T,
SANARY LIGHT 050° T. 1838 SECURED THE ANCHOR DETAIL.
SECURED THE MAIN ENGINES. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH
FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. OTHER
SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE USS. NOTABLE AND VARIOUS
FRENCH SMALL CRAFT. SOPA IS COMINEDUBS EMBARKED
THIS VESSEL.

W. J. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS USNR

20-24 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

R. R. Stewart

R. R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

EXAMINED:

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS Ability (MSO-579) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SATURDAY 19 OCT 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM BAY OF SANARY, FRANCE TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>43°03'N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>05°58.2E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 ANCHORED IN BAY OF SANARY IN 15 FATHOMS OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM, WITH 45 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE PORT ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS: ROUVAUL LIGHT 175° T, COMPOURIBON LIGHT 108° T, SANARY LIGHT 057° T. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKES SET. SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460) AND VARIOUS FRENCH SMALL CRAFT. SOPA IS COMBINED IN 85 EMBARKED THIS VESSEL.

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H. VANDS, (HLS), USNR

04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

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B.R. McFARLAND, LT (JG), USN

08-12 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 0945 STATIONED THE SPECIAL
12-16 ANCHOR DETAIL IN ORDER TO GET UNDERWAY.
CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR ARE ON THE BRIDGE. 0952 COMMENCED HEAVING IN ON THE ANCHOR. 0958 ANCHOR AWEIGH. UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MEDSWEEP EX 64 OP-ORDER 9C 245 9/10 KTS. 1016 9/180°. 1026 9/140° 1030 9/110° ASSUMED COLUMN FORMATION WITH THIS SHIP IN STATION ONE AS GUIDE. USS SALUTE (MSO-470) IS IN STATION TWO, USS NOTABLE (MSO-460) IS IN STATION THREE, USS RIVAL (MSO-468) IS IN STATION FOUR. STANDARD DISTANCE IS 500 YARDS, BASE SPEED 9 KTS. 1103 9/080°. COMMENCED COMMANDING OFFICER'S MATERIAL INSPECTION. 1133 9/030°. 1140 SECURED COMMANDING OFFICER'S MATERIAL INSPECTION. 1147 9/000°. 1152 9/347. 1154 9/325. 1200 9/290°. COMMANDING OFFICER HAS THE CONN. STATIONED THE SPECIAL SEA ST DETAIL IN PREPARATION FOR ENTERING PORT.

C.D. Herscher
C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

EXAMINED

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE SATURDAY 19 OCT. 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1204 c/c 270° T. 1207 c/c 265°
1209 c/c 275° T. 1211 c/c 348° T. 1217 c/c 015° T. 1220
c/c 018° T. 1224 c/s 4.5 KNOTS. 1226 c/s 1 KNOT.
STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEED TO
MOOR PORT SIDE TO AT TOULON, FRANCE. 1229
MOORED PORT SIDE TO AT TOULON, FRANCE QUAY DE
HONOUR WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED.
OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE U.S.S. RIVAL MOORED
OUTBOARD TO STARBOARD THIS SHIP, U.S.S. NOTABLE, U.S.S.
SALUTE, AND VARIOUS UNITS OF THE FRENCH FLEET.
RECEIVING MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES FROM THE PIER.
SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR WITH MATERIAL
CONDITION YOKE SET. SOPA IS COMINEDIV 85 EMBARKED
THIS VESSEL.

W. J. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS. USNR.

16-24 ~~ANCHORED~~ A MOORED AS BEFORE.

W. J. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS. USNR.

EXAMINED:

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SUNDAY 20 OCT. 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM TOLLON, FRANCE TO

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-08 MOORED IN A NEST OF TWO SHIPS PORT SIDE
TO QUAY DE HONNEUR, TOLLON FRANCE WITH STANDARD
MOORING LINES DOUBLED. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE
U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-468) MOORED OUTBOARD TO STARBOARD
THIS SHIP. U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460) U.S.S. SALUTE (MSO-470)
AND VARIOUS UNITS OF THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN FLEETS.
RECEIVING MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES FROM THE PIER. SHIP
IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION
40KE SET. SOPA IS COMINEDLY 85 EMBARKED THIS
VESSEL.

W. J. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS. USNR

EXAMINED

W. J. Masterson

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE SUNDAY 20 OCT. 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

08-24 MOORED AS BEFORE.

R.R. Stewart
R.R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE MONDAY 21 OCT 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM TOULON, FRANCE TO

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u></u>	BY <u></u>	
λ <u></u>	BY <u></u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>43°04.4N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>05°57.8E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>41°59.0N</u>	BY <u>1</u>	
λ <u>06°22.0E</u>	BY <u>1</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-08 MOORED IN A NEST OF FOUR SHIPS PORT SIDE TO QUAY DE HONEUR, TOULON, FRANCE WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE USS RIVAL (MSO-468) MOORED OUTBOARD TO STARBOARD SIDE THIS SHIP, USS NOTABLE (MSO-460), USS SALUTE (MSO-470) AND VARIOUS UNITS OF THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN FLEETS. RECEIVING MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES FROM THE PIER. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKO SET. SOPA IS COMMEDU 85 EMBARKED THIS VESSEL. 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENCES: NONE

R.R. Stewart

R.R. STEWART, ENS. USNR

08-12 MOORED AS BEFORE. 1100 SET SPECIAL SGA DETAIL. 1115 U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-468) UNDERWAY FROM ALONGSIDE OUR STARBOARD SIDE. 1118 UNDERWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMSIXTH QUARTERLY OPERATION SCHEDULE. 1120 DEPARTING, VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE STANDING OUT TOULON HARBOR. 1135 SECURE SPECIAL SGA DETAIL.

V. H. VANDS
V. H. VANDS, LTJG, USNR

EXAMINED

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH
W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE MONDAY 21 OCT. 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

W. J. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS, USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1917 c/c 160°T.

RR Stewart
RR. STEWART, ENS, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

V. H. VANDS
V. H. VANDS, LTJG, USNR

EXAMINED:

W. F. Elwood, Jr.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MISO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE TUESDAY 22 OCT. 19 64
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM TOULON, FRANCE TO CAGLIARI, SARDINIA

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>40°27.0'N</u> BY <u>1</u>		
λ <u>07°05.4'E</u> BY <u>1</u>		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>39°58.5'N</u> BY <u>1</u>		
λ <u>07°25.0'E</u> BY <u>1</u>		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>38°56.5'N</u> BY <u>3</u>		
λ <u>07°41.5'E</u> BY <u>3</u>		

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STERNING IN COMPANY WITH U.S.S. SALUTE (MISO-470), U.S.S. RIVAL (MISO-464) AND U.S.S. NOTABLE (MISO-460) ENROUTE FROM TOULON, FRANCE, TO CAGLIARI, SARDINIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMSIXTHFLT QUARTERLY OPERATIONS SCHEDULE. THIS SHIP IN STATION ONE AS GUIDE, U.S.S. SALUTE IN STATION TWO, U.S.S. RIVAL IN STATION THREE, U.S.S. NOTABLE IN STATION FOUR OF A FORMATION ECHO, BASE COURSE 1600T, SPEED 8 KNOTS, STANDARD DISTANCE 500 YARDS. SOPA AND OTC IS COMINEDIV AS EMBARKED THIS VESSEL. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET.

B.R. Moffett
B.R. MOFFETT, LT(JG), USN

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

C.D. Herscher
C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0900 SET GENERAL QUARTERS FOR DRILL. 0932 SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS FOR DRILL.

W. J. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS, USNR

EXAMINED

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABUTY (MSO-519)

DATE TUESDAY 22 OCT. 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1248 C/C 161° T.

R.R. Stewart
R.R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

J.H. VANDS
J.H. VANDS, HC(S), USNR

BRM 20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. ~~000-2000~~ CHANGED BASE COURSE
TO 109° T 2236 SIGHTED I IL TORO LIGHT BEARING 043° T,
AT ABOUT 13.0 MILES.

B.R. McEffett
B.R. McEFFETT, LT(JG), USN

EXAMINED:

W.F. Egan
W. F. EGAN, JR., LT, USN

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -LR DATE WEDNESDAY 23 OCT. 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
-AT/PASSAGE FROM TOULON, FRANCE TO CAGLIARI, SARDEGNA

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>39° 07.5' N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>09° 07.2 E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L	BY	
λ	BY	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>38° 52.3' N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>09° 08.9 E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

08-04 STEERING IN A COLUMN OPEN ORDER FORMATION IN COMPANY WITH UNITS OF MINE DIVISION AS ENROUTE TO CAGLIARI, SARDEGNA IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 61 QUARTERLY OP-SCHEDULE, THIS SHIP IS THE GUIDE IN STATION ONE, USS. SALUTE (MSO-470) IS IN STATION TWO USS. RIVAL (MSO-460) IS IN STATION THREE, USS. NOTABLE (MSO-460) IS IN STATION FOUR. BASE COURSE IS 109° BASE SPEED 4 KNOTS, STANDARD DISTANCE 500 YARDS. SOPA AND OTC IS COMINEDIV AS EMBARKED THIS VESSEL. SHIP IS IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET

C. D. Herscher

C. D. HERSCHER, LTTC USN

04-04 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0419 C/S 5 KNOTS. 0425 C/C 000°T. 0434 C/S 7 KNOTS. 0517 C/C 010°T. C/S 6 KNOTS. 0705 C/C 000°T. 0719 C/C 355°T. C/S 5 KNOTS.

W. A. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS. USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0807 C/C 350°T. 0824 C/S 4 KNOTS 0829 C/C 351°T. 0832 STATIONED SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 0838 MR. MOFFETT AT THE CONN, CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR ON THE BRIDGE 0839 COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS CONFORMING TO CAGLIARI HARBOR. PILOT MR. CUOMO CAME ABOARD. 0855 MANEUVERING TO GO ALONGSIDE THE PIER. 0900 MOORED PORT SIDE TO BERTH FOUR MOLO DI LEVANTE CAGLIARI SARDEGNA WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE USS. NOTABLE (MSO-460) MOORED OUTBOARD TO STARBOARD THIS SHIP. USS. RIVAL (MSO-460) AND USS. SALUTE (MSO-470) AND VARIOUS UNITS OF THE ITALIAN NAVY. 0910 SECURED SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 0925 PILOT LEFT THE SHIP.

R. R. Stewart

R. R. STEWART, ENS. USNR

EXAMINED

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-24 MOORED AS BEFORE. 1910 HELD FIRE DRILL
1931 SECURED FROM FIRE DRILL

C. D. Herscher

C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

EXAMINED:

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM CAGLIARI, SARDINIA TO _____

POSITION ZONE TIME

0800

L _____ BY _____

λ _____ BY _____

POSITION ZONE TIME

1200

L _____ BY _____

λ _____ BY _____

POSITION ZONE TIME

2000

L _____ BY _____

λ _____ BY _____

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

ΦΦ-Φ8 MOORED IN A NEST OF TWO SHIPS PORT SIDE TO THE
PIER AT CAGLIARIA, SARDINIA WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES
DOUBLED. USS NOTABLE (MSO-46Φ) IS MOORED OUTBOARD TO
STARBOARD. RECEIVING MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES FROM THE
PIER. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF NINE DIVISION
EIGHT-FIVE, ITALIAN NAVY AND MERCHANT CRAFT. SOPA IS
COMINEDIV 85. Φ74Φ MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS.
ABSENTEES: NONE.

C.D. Herscher

C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

W. F. ELWOOD, JR. LT. USN

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (N130-519)

DATE THURSDAY 24 OCT. 1964
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

08-24 MOORED AS BEFORE. 0915 COMMENCED REFUELING
FROM THE PIER. 1030 COMPLETED REFUELING, RECEIVED
3694 GALLONS OF GAS OIL.

B.R. ~~Moffett~~
B.R. MOFFETT, LT(JG), USN

EXAMINED:

W. F. Elwood Jr.

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE FRIDAY 25 OCT 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM CAGLIARI, SARDINIA TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>38°52.3'N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>09°00.9'E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-08 MOORED IN A NEST OF TWO SHIPS PORTSIDE TO MOLO DI LEVANTE, CAGLIARI, SARDINIA WITH STANDARD MOORING LINES DOUBLED. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460) MOORED OUTBOARD TO STARBOARD THIS SHIP, U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-464) AND U.S.S. SALUTE (MSO-470) AND VARIOUS UNITS OF THE ITALIAN NAVY. RECEIVING MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES FROM THE PIER. SHIP IN CONDITION WATCH FIVE WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. SOPA IS COMINEDIV 85 EMBARKED THIS SHIP. 0745 MUSTERED THE CREW AT QUARTERS. ABSENTEES: NONE.

B.R. Moffett
B.R. MOFFETT, LT(jg), U.S.N.

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W. E. KWOOD, JR., LT, USN

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS Abilene (MSO-519)

DATE FRIDAY 25 OCT. 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

08-16 MOORED AS BEFORE. 1545 SET SPECIAL SEA DETAIL
1548 SECURED SPECIAL SEA DETAIL.

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VANDS, (HIS), USNR

16-20 MOORED AS BEFORE. 1600 COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR
GETTING UNDERWAY. 1605 STATIONED THE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL. 1611
COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. DRAFT: FORWARD
11'0", AFT 10'6". 1631 UNDERWAY FOR PORTO SANO OPERATING
AREA, AS A UNIT TASK GROUP 61.9 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF
61 OP-ORDER 52 YEAR. MANEUVERING TO CLEAR THE ANCHORAGE.
MR. MORFETT AT THE CONN, NAVIGATOR, AND CAPTAIN ON THE
BRIDGE. 1639 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS
STANDING OUT OF CAGLIARI HARBOR. 1644 SECURED THE SPECIAL
SEA DETAIL, SET THE REGULAR STEAMING WATCH. 1658 OOD WAS
GIVEN THE CONN. COURSE 180°T. SPEED 7 KNOTS.

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R.R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2158 C/C 250° C/S 5 kts
2305 C/C 070°.

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VANDS, (HIS), USNR

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DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE SATURDAY 26 OCT. 19 64
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM CAGLIARI, SARDINIA TO PORTO SCUDRA OPERER

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L 38° 40.0' N	BY 3	
λ 08° 53.2' E	BY 3	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L 38° 51.2' N	BY 3	
λ 08° 42.8' E	BY 3	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L 38° 53.1' N	BY 3	
λ 08° 41.6' E	BY 3	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEERING IN COMPANY WITH TASK UNIT 61.6.2 COMPOSED OF U.S.S. ABILITY (MSO-519) U.S.S. NOTABLE (MSO-460), U.S.S. SALUTE (MSO-470) AND U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-46A) ENROUTE FROM CAGLIARI, SARDINIA TO PORTO SCUDRA OPERATING AREA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 61 OPORTER 52 YEAR. THIS SHIP IN STATION ONE OF A COLUMN FORMATION AS GUIDE. U.S.S. NOTABLE IN STATION TWO, 500 YARDS ASTERN, U.S.S. SALUTE IN STATION THREE, 1000 YARDS ASTERN, U.S.S. RIVAL IN STATION FOUR, 1500 YARDS ASTERN. FORMATION COURSE 070°/250° SPEED 5 KNOTS. SOPA IS CTU 61.6.2 IN U.S.S. ABILITY, OTC. IS CTU 61.6.2. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. 0020 CHANGED COURSE TO 250°. 0140 CHANGED COURSE TO 070°. 0244 CHANGED COURSE TO 250°. 0244 U.S.S. RIVAL DETACHED FROM COLUMN FORMATION TO PROCEED INDEPENDENTLY.

B.R. MOFFETT
B.R. MOFFETT, LT (JG), U.S.N.

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0404 C/C 340°. 0417 C/C 070°. 0544 STATIONED THE SPECIAL MINESWEEPING DETAIL COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE STREAMING MOORED MINE SWEEPING GEAR. 0633 ASSUMED GUIDE OF STARBOARD ECHELON FORMATION COMMENCED STREAMING MINESWEEPING GEAR. 0738 ALL GEAR STOPPED OFF ON DECK. 0739 C/S 8 KTS, C/C 324°.

C.D. HERSCHER

C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

0812 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0819 ENTERED THE MINE FIELD. 0857 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE TRAVERSING THE MINE FIELD. 1012 LOST THE PORT MINESWEEPING GEAR. 1017 SOUNDED CONDITION I MIKE. 1020 COMMENCED HEAVING AROUND ON THE STARBOARD SWEEP WIRE. 1043 STARBOARD SWEEP GEAR AT THE RAIL. 1044 STARBOARD SWEEP GEAR ON DECK. 1047 COMMENCED HEAVING AROUND ON THE PORT SWEEP WIRE. 1110 ALL MINESWEEPING GEAR CLEAR OF THE WATER. 1126 MANEUVERING TO RECOVER THE PORT MINESWEEPING GEAR ON THE BRAM. STARBOARD SIDE. 1135 PORT FLOAT ON BOARD. 1142 OF

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USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE SATURDAY 26 OCT. 19 68
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REMARKS—CONTINUED

08-12 (CONT.) ALL OF THE PORT MINESWEEPING GEAR ON DECK. 1152 COMMENCED STREAMING THE STARBOARD MINESWEEPING GEAR.

B.R. Moffett
B.R. MOFFETT, LT(JG), USN

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1200 COMMENCED PUTTING STARBOARD MINESWEEPING GEAR IN THE WATER. 1215 STARBOARD MINESWEEPING GEAR STOPPED-OFF ON DECK. 1259 COMMENCED PAYING OUT ON STARBOARD MINESWEEPING GEAR. 1301 STARBOARD MINESWEEPING GEAR STOPPED-OFF ON DECK. 1305 COMMENCED PAYING OUT ON DEPRESSOR. 1306 DEPRESSOR STOPPED-OFF ON DECK. 1324 ENTERING THE MINEFIELD. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE TRAVERSING THE MINEFIELD. 1341 SET CONDITION II MIKE.

R.R. Stewart
R.R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1618 SOUNDED CONDITION I MIKE. COMMENCED HEAVING IN ON DEPRESSOR. 1623 DEPRESSION ON DECK, COMMENCED HEAVING IN ON SWEEP WIRE STARBOARD SIDE. 1648 STARBOARD GEAR ON DECK. 1700 LIT OF MAG GENERATOR. 1721 COMMENCED STREAMING ROTO VAC AND MAG TAIL FOR INFLUENCE SWEEPING. 1829 ALL GEAR STOPPED OFF ON DECK. 1838 LIT OF MAG GENERATOR AND COMMENCED PULSING ROTOVAC. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES WHILE INFLUENCE SWEEPING IN MINEFIELD ON AXIS 080°/260°.

W. J. Masters
W. J. MASTERS, ENS, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2004 SOUNDED CONDITION II MIKE. 2053 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES TO REMAIN IN DESIGNATED LAPS WITHIN THE MINEFIELD WHICH IS ON RN AXIS 080°/260°.

B.R. Moffett
B.R. MOFFETT, LT(JG), USN

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W. J. Masters
U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS Arbiter (MSO-579) ZONE DESCRIPTION _____ DATE Sunday 27 Oct 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM PORTO SCUDA OPAREA TO _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>38° 52.7' N</u>	BY _____	
λ <u>08° 43.1' E</u>	BY _____	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>38° 53.5' N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>08° 46.0' E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____	BY _____	
λ _____	BY _____	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY IN PORTO SCUDA OPS AREA AS A UNIT OF TASK UNIT 61.6.2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 61 OPORDER 52 YEAR. OTHER SHIPS IN THE AREA INCLUDE USS SALVE (MSO-470) USS RUA (MSO-468), USS NOTABLE (MSO-460) AND USS SAN MARCUS (MSO-25). STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE TRAVERSING THE MINEFIELD. SOPA IS CTF 61.6 EMBARKED USS SAN MARCUS, OTC IS CTF 61.6.2 EMBARKED THIS SHIP. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKO SET. 0021 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE. 0025 EXIT THE MINEFIELD. 0028 CEASE PULSING MAGNETIC TAIL AND ROTUAC. 0048 COMMENCED HEAVING IN ON MAGNETIC TAIL. 0101 CL-3 SECTION AND ELECTRODE ON DECK. 0105 COMMENCED HEAVING IN ON ROTUAC POWER CABLE. 0010 COMMENCED HEAVING AROUND ON STARBOARD SWEEPWIRE. 0119 CEASE HEAVING IN ON STARBOARD SWEEPWIRE. 0125 HEAVING IN ON STARBOARD SWEEPWIRE. 0140 STARBOARD MINESWEEPING BEAR ON DECK. 0226 ROTUAC ON DECK. 0232 SECURE 2 MIKE. 0233 SET SPECIAL ANCHOR DETAIL. 0236 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE ENROUTE TO ANCHORAGE IN PORTO SCUDA OP AREA. 0300 LET GO THE ANCHOR. ANCHORED IN 34 FATHOMS OF WATER, BOTTOM, MUD, WITH 90 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE PORT ANCHOR. ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS: RANGES: PUNTA DEL TORRE 3250 YARDS, ISLE RUSA. 2100 YARDS, PUNTA MEZZO 4100 YARDS.

R.R. Stewart

R.R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 0630 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0645 SET ANCHOR DETAIL. 0648 COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 0704 UNDERWAY FOR MINING HUNTING OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 61 OPORDER 52 YEAR. 0707 MANEUVERING TO CLEAR THE ANCHORAGE. 0724 COMMENCED MINING HUNTING OPERATIONS.

1/4 YARDS

1/4 YARDS, TC/S, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0816 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT SPEED 5.5 KNOTS TO REMAIN IN DESIGNATED LAPS OF THE MINEFIELD WHICH IS ON RN AXIS 080°/260° WHILE CONDUCTING MINING HUNTING OPERATIONS.

B.R. Moffett

B.R. MOFFETT, LT(JG), USN.

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DATE SUNDAY 27 Oct. 1968
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REMARKS-CONTINUED

W. J. MASTERSON.
W. J. MASTERSON'S USUR.

16-20 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

R.R. Stewart
R.R. STEWART, ENS. USNR

20-24 ANCHORED AS BEFORE. 2335 COMPLETED PREPARATIONS
FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 2340 SET ANCHOR DETAIL 2345,
COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. 2346 HAVING
AROUND ON PORT ANCHOR. 2358 PORT ANCHOR CLEAR OF THE
WATER.

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0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE MONDAY 28 OCTOBER, 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)

AT/PASSAGE FROM PORTO SCUDA OP AREA TO

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>38°50.5'N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>08°39.1'E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>38°48.0'N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>08°40.4'E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>38°47.1'N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>08°41.1'E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEERING INDEPENDENTLY IN THE PORTO SCUDA OPERER AS A UNIT OF TASK UNIT 61.6.2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 61 ORDER 52 YEAR. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE U.S. SIXTH FLEET, STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS ENROUTE TO RENDEVOUS POINT WITH CTF 61 EMBARKED USS. CHILTON (APA-34) 0007 SECURED THE SPECIAL ANCHOR DETAIL. SOPA IS CTF 61.6 EMBARKED USS. SAN MARCOS (LST-25). OTC IS CTF 61.6.2 EMBARKED THIS SHIP. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. SHIP DARKENED EXCEPT FOR RUNNING LIGHTS.

BR. W. J. Masterson
BR. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS ENROUTE TO RENDEVOUS POINT WITH CTF 61 EMBARKED ABOARD USS CHILTON (). 0446 RENDEVOUSED WITH CTF 61 COMMENCED LEADING TF 61 THROUGH SWEEP WATERS ENROUTE TO ASSAULT ANCHORAGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PHIBLEX 5-69 OP-ORDER. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE TRANSITING ASSAULT CHANNEL. 0653 ARRIVED AT POINT "ALFA" DETACHED FROM TF 61. C/C 255 PROCEEDING TO ASSIGNED RANGE SAFETY PATROL STATIONS. C/S 13 KTS. 0727 C/C 195° 0731 C/C 074°. 0752 C/C 160°, C/S 6 KTS.

C.D. Herscher
C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0800 C/S 2 KNOTS. C/C 145° T. 0829 C/C 090° T. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE LYING TO ON RANGE SAFETY PATROL STATION. 0956 C/C 015 C/S 6 KNOTS. 0957 C/C 000° T C/S 10.5 KNOTS. 1000 C/C 355° T. C/S 12 KNOTS. COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES WHILE ESCORTING ITALIAN FISHING CRAFT OUT OF DANGER AREA. 1024 C/C 070° 1025 C/C 060° T 1033 C/S 5 KNOTS C/C 090. COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE LYING TO ON RANGE SAFETY PATROL STATION.

W. J. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS, USNR

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W. J. Masterson

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

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USS

Ability (USD-519)

DATE

Monday 28 Oct. 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

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12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

R.R. Stewart

R.R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

J.H. VANDS
J.H. VANDS, LTJG, USNR

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2007 MANEUVERING TO REMAIN ON STATION IN THE RANGE SAFETY PATROL AREA. 2210 CAPTAIN HAS THE CONN. 2254 MANEUVERING TO RECEIVE A MOTOR LAUNCH ALONGSIDE THE STARBOARD QUARTER. 2255 MOTOR LAUNCH ALONGSIDE. 2300 MOTOR LAUNCH UNDERWAY FROM ALONGSIDE. 2314 OFFICER OF THE DECK HAS THE CONN. 2324 MANEUVERING TO REMAIN IN THE BRIM RANGE SAFETY PATROL AREA, BASE COURSE ~~25~~ 245°, SPEED 4 KNOTS.

B.R. Moffett
B.R. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN

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W.F. Egan

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE TUESDAY 29 OCT 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM PORTO SCUDA OP AREA TO

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>38°47.8'N</u> BY <u>3</u>		
λ <u>08°40.8'E</u> BY <u>3</u>		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>38°49.0'N</u> BY <u>3</u>		
λ <u>08°39.6'E</u> BY <u>3</u>		

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>38°47.4'N</u> BY <u>3</u>		
λ <u>08°42.0'E</u> BY <u>3</u>		

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY ON STATION SOUTH OF PORTO SCUDA, SARDINIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH PHIBLEX 5-69 OPERATION ORDER. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A 105°/285° TRACK. SHIP IS IN CONDITION WATCH FOUR WITH MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. SOPA IS COMPHIBRON 2 EMBARKED USS CHILTON (APA-38). OTC IS CTF 61. OTHER SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE VARIOUS UNITS OF TASK FORCE 61 AND TASK FORCE 60.

C. D. Herscher
C. D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0425 C/C 285°T. 0501 C/C 105°T. 0703 C/C 135°T. 0714 C/C 075°T. 0729 C/S 2 KNOTS. 0732 C/S 1 KNOT. 0745 C/C 090°T. C/S 2 KNOTS. COMMENCED STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE LYING TO ON RANGE SAFETY PATROL STATION.

W. J. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS, USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 0815 SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS. 0850 SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS.

R. R. Stewart
R. R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

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USS

Ability (1150-515)

DATE

Tuesday 29 Oct. 19 68
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12-14 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

J.H. VANDS
J.H. VANDS, HCIS/USNR

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1730 SHIP DARKENED EXCEPT FOR RUNNING LIGHTS.

BR. MUFFETT
BR. MUFFETT, LT(6), USN

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2104 C/C 106°, C/S 12 KTS.
ENROUTE TO RENDEZVOUS WITH USS FUROR (DDG-6) IN ORDER
TO ASSIST IN ASW IDENTIFICATION OPERATIONS. 2134 COMMENCED
BEING VECTORED OVER CONTACT BY USS FUROR. STEERING VARIOUS
COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE TAKING RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM FUROR. 2244 IDENTIFIED CONTACT AS A WRECK. 2245
STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS ENROUTE
TO PATROL STATION. 2347 C/C 285. ON STATION. C/S 4 KTS.

C.D. Herscher
C.D. HERSCHER, LTJG USN

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

0105-904-1020

USS ABILITY (MSO-519) ZONE DESCRIPTION -1A DATE WEDNESDAY 30 OCT 19 68
(Day) (Date) (Month)
AT/PASSAGE FROM PORTO SCUDA OP AREA TO

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L <u>38°40.8'N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>08°38.7'E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L <u>38°48.2'N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>08°41.8'E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L <u>38°50.6'N</u>	BY <u>3</u>	
λ <u>08°41.3'E</u>	BY <u>3</u>	

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY IN PORTO SCUDA OPS AREA AS A UNIT OF TASK UNIT 61.6.2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 61 OP ORDER 52 YEAR. OTHER SHIPS IN THE AREA INCLUDE USS SALUTE (MSO-470), USS RIVAL (MSO-468), USS NOTABLE (MSO-460) AND USS SAN MARCUS (LSD-25), USS CHILTON (LPA-38) USS CHEWANGAN (AOE-50) AND VARIOUS UNITS OF TASK FORCE 61. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES WHILE ON RANGE SAFETY PATROL STATION, BASE COURSE 285°T AND 105°T, COM. BASE SPEED 4 KNOTS. CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YOKE SET. SOPA AND OTC IS CTF 61 EMBARKED USS CHILTON. 0047 C/C 290°T. 0121 C/C 105°T. 0320 C/C 285°T 0346 C/C 287°T.

W. J. Masterson
W. J. MASTERSON, ENS USNR.

04-08 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

R.R. Stewart
R.R. STEWART, ENS USNR

08-12 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

V. H. Vands
V. H. VANDS, (T15), USNR

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W. F. Ensign
W. F. ENSIGN, JR., LT, USN

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (MSO-519)

DATE WEDNESDAY 30 OCT 1964
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS—CONTINUED

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 1337 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS TO RECEIVE U.S.S. RIVAL (MSO-464) ALONGSIDE THE STARBOARD QUARTER. SOUNDED REPLENISHMENT DETAIL. 1345 COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS TO RECEIVE U.S.S. RIVAL ALONGSIDE THE STARBOARD QUARTER. 1356 COMMENCED LIGHT LINE TRANSFER. 1415 COMPLETED LIGHT LINE TRANSFER. 1422 SECURED THE REPLENISHMENT DETAIL. 1457 MANEUVERING TO REMAIN IN OUR PATROL AREA, BASE COURSE 105°, SPEED 2 KNOTS.

B.R. Moffett
B.R. MOFFETT, LTJG, USN

16-20 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.

C.D. Henscher
C.D. HENSCHER, LTJG USN

20-24 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE. 2000 C/C 040°T. 2004 C/C 030°T. C/S 8 KNOTS. 2009 C/S 5.5 KNOTS. 2012 C/C 040°T C/S 3 KNOTS. 2015 C/C 050°T. SET SEA DETAIL IN PREPARATION FOR GOING ALONGSIDE U.S.S. CHEWAUGAN (AOE 50) FOR REFUELING. 2020 STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS TO MANEUVER PORT SIDE TO U.S.S. CHEWAUGAN. 2054 ALL LINES OVER. MOORED PORT SIDE TO U.S.S. CHEWAUGAN FOR REFUELING. 2101 ALL LINES DOUBLED. SECURED MAIN ENGINES. SECURED STEERING GEAR. 2108 SECURED SEA DETAIL. 2339 SET SEA DETAIL FOR GETTING UNDERWAY FROM U.S.S. CHEWAUGAN. 2358 UNDERWAY FOR ANCHORAGE AT PORTO SCUDA OP AREA. C/C 085°T. C/S 4.5 KNOTS. 2359 C/S 6.5 KNOTS.

W. J. Masteron
W. J. MASTERON ENS. USNR

EXAMINED:

W. J. Masteron

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

AT/PASSAGE FROM PORTO SEDA OP AREA TO

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800		
L _____		BY _____
λ _____		BY _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200		
L _____		BY _____
λ _____		BY _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000		
L _____		BY _____
λ _____		BY _____

LEGEND: 1-CELESTIAL
2-ELECTRONIC
3-VISUAL
4-D. R.

REMARKS

00-04 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY IN PORTO SCUDA OPAREA AS A UNIT OF TASK GROUP 61.9 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CTF 61 OP-ORDER 52-YEAR. STEERING VARIOUS COURSES AT VARIOUS SPEEDS WHILE PROCEEDING TO ANCHORAGE AREA. SOPA AND OTC IS CTF 61 EMBARKED USS CHILTON (LFA-38). CONDITION OF READINESS FOUR AND MATERIAL CONDITION YORE SET. 0010 LET GO THE ANCHOR. ANCHORED IN THE PORTO SCUDA ANCHORAGE AREA, IN 20 FATHOMS OF WATER, SAND BOTTOM, WITH 95 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE PORT ANCHOR. ON THE FOLLOWING ANCHORAGE RANGES: CAPO MALPATANO 4800 YARDS, CAPO PISAPI 2850 YARDS, NEAREST LAND TO NE 2550 YARDS. SHIPS PRESENT INCLUDE USS CHILTON, USS SAN MARCUS (LSD-25), USS CHEWALCUM (AOG-50), USS TRAVERSE COUNTY (LST 1160), USS FORT MANDAN (LSD-21), USS MOUNTAIN (LFA-213). 0023 SECURE SPECIAL SEA DETAIL.

RR. Stewart

R. R. STEWART, ENS, USNR

04-08 ~~Amended~~ AS BOPRG

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✓ H. P. 1000, 1000, 1000

0A-12 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

B.R. McFETT
B.R. McFETT, LT(JG), USN.

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U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

DECK LOG—REMARKS SHEET

USS ABILITY (msd-519)

DATE THURSDAY 31 OCT. 1968
(Day) (Date) (Month)

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12-16 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

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